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SUBJECT: NATO DISARMAMENT EXPERTS MEETING, OCTOBER 2-3

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1. IN PREPARING FOR DISARMAMENT EXPERTS MEETING, IT WOULD BE HELPFUL TO HAVE AMPLIFICATION OF WHAT BRITISH HAVE IN MIND WITH RESPECT TO DISCUSSION OF CERTAIN ITEMS IN AGENDA PROPOSED BY UK AND NOW AGREED (REFTELS). REQUEST YOU RAISE THIS QUESTION WITH UKDEL, ESPECIALLY REGARDING PNE, HUMANITARIAN LAW, MILITARY BUDGETS AND WDC. IN CONNECTION WITH MILITARY BUDGETS YOU MIGHT NOTE THAT WE WOULD EXPECT TO BRING UP U.S. PROPOSAL FOR STUDY OF TECHNICAL QUESTIONS IN-

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VOLVED IN CONSIDERING MILITARY EXPENDITURE LIMITATIONS. ALSO,

SINCE EXPERTS' DISCUSSION IS IN CONTEXT OF COORDINATING POSITIONS FOR 1975 UNGA, YOU MIGHT ASK IN LOW KEY IF UK PLANS TO INTRODUCE RESOLUTION ON SEABEDS TREATY REVIEW CONFERENCE, AND IF SO, WHETHER DRAFT TEXT WILL BE PRESENTED AT MEETING.

2. BESIDES TOPICS SPECIFIED ABOVE, WE WOULD OF COURSE BE INTERESTED IN ANY INFORMATION BRITISH MAY VOLUNTEER ABOUT THEIR THINKING RE OTHER AGENDA ITEMS.

3. YOU MIGHT ALSO ASK BRITISH WHETHER GROUP OF NINE IS HOLDING SIMILAR CONSULTATIONS AND IF SO, RELATIONSHIP UK PERCEIVES BETWEEN THOSE CONSULTATIONS AND NATO DISARMAMENT EXPERTS MEETING. KISSINGER

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